MSI CB54G2 (MS-6835) Wireless 11g CardBus Card

User's Guide

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- 1. The device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
 - (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and
 - (2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.
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- 3. This Transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.
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Important Safety Precautions

Always read and follow these basic safety precautions carefully when handling any piece of electronic component.

- 1. Keep this *User's Guide* for future reference.
- 2. Keep this equipment away from humidity.
- 3. Lay this equipment on a reliable flat surface before setting it up.
- 4. The openings on the enclosure are for air convection hence protects the equipment from overheating.
- 5. All cautions and warnings on the equipment should be noted.
- Never pour any liquid into the opening that could damage or cause electrical shock.
- 7. If any of the following situations arises, get the equipment checked by a service personnel:
 - Liquid has penetrated into the equipment
 - The equipment has been exposed to moisture
 - The equipment has not work well or you can not get it work according to User's Manual
 - The equipment has dropped and damaged
 - If the equipment has obvious sign of breakage
- 8. DO NOT LEAVE THIS EQUIPMENT IN AN ENVIRONMENT UNCONDITIONED, STORAGE TEMPERATURE ABOVE 60°C OR BELOW -20°C, IT MAY DAMAGE THE EQUIPMENT.

How to Use This Guide

This User's Guide provides instructions and illustrations on how to install and use your MSI CB54G2 - the Wireless 11g CardBus Card.

- Chapter 1, Introduction, provides a general information on the product you bought, including its application, specification, and requirements.
- Chapter 2, Hardware Installation, tells you how to install the product into your system.
- Chapter 3, Software Installation, guides you through the installation of the product's driver and utility.
- Chapter 4, Wireless Network Utility, describes the MSI Wireless Network Utility that lets you configure your product to connect the network quickly and easily.
- Chapter 5, Networking Basic, helps you to build your network and share resources over the network.

Please note that the setting diagrams or values in this guide are **FOR YOUR REFER-ENCE ONLY**. The actual settings and values depend on your system and network. If you are not sure about these information, please ask your network administrator or MIS staff for help.

Technical Support

- Visit the MSI website for FAQ, technical guide, driver and software updates, and other information: http://www.msi.com.tw/.
- Contact our technical staff at: *support@msi.com.tw*.

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Introduction

>>> 1.1 CB54G2 - Wireless 11g CardBus Card

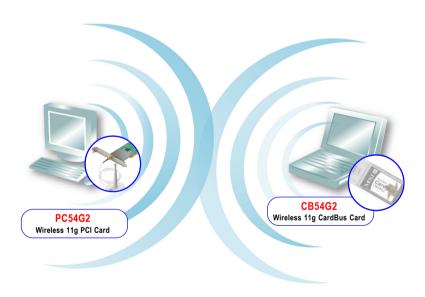
The MSI Wireless 11g CardBus Card CB54G2 (hereafter called CB54G2), compliant with IEEE802.11g, is a high-efficiency wireless adapter for wireless networking at home, in office or in public places. The data rate can be up to 54 Mbps and auto-negotiated to 48, 36, 24, 18, 12, 9, 6Mbps (IEEE 802.11g), or 11, 5.5, 2, 1Mbps (IEEE802.11b).

With CB54G2, you can roam between conference room and office without being disconnected the LAN cables; in addition, sharing files and printers can be easy tasks.

The CB54G2 is available to Microsoft Windows operating systems (Windows® XP/2000/ME/98SE) and can be integrated into networking with either **Ad-hoc mode** (computer-to-computer, without an Access Point) or **Infrastructure mode** (computer-to-access point, an Access Point is required).

>>> 1.2 How CB54G2 Works

■ Ad-hoc Mode: An Ad-hoc network is a local area network or other small network, especially one with wireless or temporary plug-in connections, in which some of the network devices are part of the network only for the duration of a communications session. Users in the network can share files, print to a shared printer, and access the Internet with a shared modem. In this kind of network, new devices can be quickly added; however, users can only communicate with other wireless LAN computers that are in this wireless LAN workgroup, and are within range.



■ Infrastructure Mode: The difference between Infrastructure network and Ad-hoc network is that the former one includes an Access Point. In an Infrastructure network, the Access Point can manage the bandwidth to maximize bandwidth utilization. Additionally, the Access Point enables users on a wireless LAN to access an existing wired network, allowing wireless users to take advantage of the wired networks resources, such as Internet, email, file transfer, and printer sharing. The scale and range of the Infrastructure networking are larger and wider than that of the Ad-hoc networking.



>>> 1.3 Specifications

Form Factor	32-bit CardBus	
Operation Voltage	3.3 V	
Standard	IEEE 802.11g/b	
Frequency Range	2.4GHz to 2.4835GHz	
Data Rate and Modulation Types	IEEE 802.11b (Auto-Fallback): - CCK @ 5.5 and 11 Mbps - DQPSK @ 2 Mbps - DBPSK @ 1 Mbps IEEE 802.11g (Auto-Fallback): - OFDM @ 54, 48, 36, 24, 18, 12, 9, 6 Mbps	
Operating Channels	 US and Canada: 11 channels; Europe: 1 to 13 channels; France: 4 channels; Spain: 2 channels; Japan: 13 channels 	
Media Access Protocol	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) with ACK; Half-Duplex	
Security / Encryption	64-/128-bit WEP	
Range	Up to 350 m (open space)	
Antenna	Printed antenna	
Transmitter Output Power	14±1 dBm	

Operating System	Microsoft® Windows® 98SE/ ME/2000/XP
Environmental	 Operating Temperature: 0 ~ 55°C Operating Humidity: 10 ~ 90%, non-condensing
EMI Compliance	FCC, CE, Wi-Fi
Dimensions (WxDxH)	115 x 54 x 6.7 mm
Weight	40 g

>>> 1.4 System Requirements









Before installing the CB54G2, your PC should meet the following items:

- One notebook PC with PC Card slot, or desktop PC with PC Card slot module
- Windows® 98SE/ME/2000/XP operating system.
- Minimum 5MB free disk space for installing the driver and utilities
- One CD-ROM drive, double speed or higher.

>>> 1.5 Package Contents

Unpack the package and check all the items carefully. If any item contained is damaged or missing, please contact your local dealer as soon as possible. Also, keep the box and packing materials in case you need to ship the unit in the future. The package should contain the following items:







- One Wireless 11g PCI Card CB54G2.
- One Quick Start Guide, this User's Guide, and the Software AP/Gateway User's Guide.
- One Installation CD-ROM including drivers, utilities, and the manual files

>>> 1.6 Product View

Power LED - Solid **GREEN**, indicating that the CB54G2 is power on.



Link LED - GREEN, indicating the networking status by:

ON - CB54G2 is connected.

Flash -CB54G2 is searching for available Access Point or receiving/transmitting data over the wireless network.

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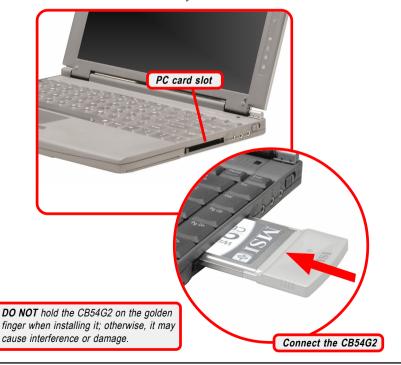


Hardware Installation

The following diagrams provide you with a basic installation for the CB54G2, including how to install and remove the CardBus adapter.

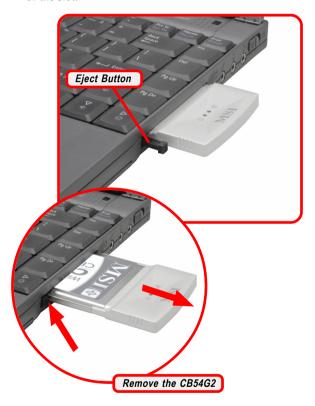
>>> 2.1 Connecting the CB54G2

Locate the PC card slot on your notebook computer. If there is the dummy card in the slot, remove it first; then, insert the CB54G2 into the slot (usually with its label facing up) and push it until it is firmly seated.



>>> 2.2 Removing the CB54G2

Press the Eject Button to make it stretch out. Push the Eject Button and the CB54G2 will slide out slightly. Then, pull it out of the slot.



Before removing the CB54G2, you should stop the device in Windows operating system.



Software Installation

This chapter describes the procedures of installing the driver and utility. Follow the instruction step by step to finish the installation. If you use Windows® 98SE/ME, please prepare the Windows® Setup CD at hand before installing the driver; because the system will ask you to insert the Setup CD to copy files during the installation.

Please **NOTE** that the CB54G2 should be installed into your computer before installing the driver and utility. Then, the operating system will detect a new device and start to configure the new device. Click *Cancel* here to start installation from the InstallShield Wizard.



Click

Tip: The wireless LAN adapter should be installed into your PC before installing the driver and utility.

STEP1

Insert the software CD into your CD-ROM drive, and the Setup program should launch automatically.

If the Autorun program doesn't launch automatically, click **Start** at the taskbar and select **Run...**. Type **E:lsetup.exe** (where **E** is your CD-drive) in the Open box and click **OK** to launch the Setup program manually.

The main screen of Setup program will appear as below. Click the **Install Software** button

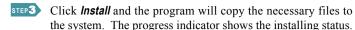


STEP2

The welcome screen of InstallShield Wizard appears. Click **Next**

Read and accept the License Agreement; then, click Next.

In the following window, enter the user's information (*User Name, Organization*) in the respective fields; then, click *Next*.



If you use Windows 98SE/ME, you may be asked to insert the Windows Setup CD during the installation. Please insert the Setup CD by the on-screen instruction to continue the installation.

Click *Finish* when the installation is completed. The **MSI Wireless LAN** icon will appear in the status area.





Wireless Network Utility

After installing the driver, MSI CB54G2 provides a convenient and powerful utility that allows you to set up, configure, and know your networking status easily and clearly.

>>> 4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The MSI Wireless LAN icon



- Not connected to the network.
- Connected to the network.



- Receiving/transmitting data from/to the network.

When you move the mouse over the icon, it shows the current connection information



• Right-clicking the icon will bring up a sub-menu containing more settings:





Language

You can select language according to your operating system.

Switch to AP Mode (optional)

If your MSI wireless LAN adapter supports Software AP function, you can see this item in the sub-menu, and which allows you to use your MSI wireless adapter as a virtual access point. For details, refer to the MSI Software AP/ Gateway User's Guide.

Switch to Gateway Mode (optional)

If your MSI wireless LAN adapter supports Software Gateway function, you can see this item in the sub-menu, and which allows you to use your MSI wireless adapter as a virtual gateway. For details, refer to the MSI Software AP/Gateway User's Guide.

Open Network Connections

Select to open the Network Connections window.

View Available Wireless Networks

Launch the utility to configure your network settings.

Exit

Close the program.

Clicking the icon will launch the utility as shown below to configure your network settings.





4.1.2 Changing the Control Setting (for Windows XP only)

If you use Windows XP, the wireless LAN is controlled by the operating system (default). To take full advantage of your MSI wireless adapter, it is recommended to use the MSI Wireless Network Utility to control your wireless LAN.

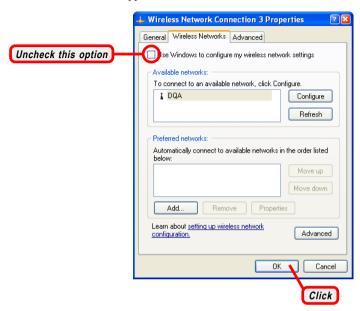
Q To change the control setting:

- Right-click the MSI Wireless LAN icon and select the Open Network Connections option.
- In the Network Connections window, double-click the Wireless Network Connection icon to bring up the following dialog window.



Click

Click Advanced, and the Properties window will appear as below.



- Uncheck the Use Windows to configure my wireless network settings option. Then, click OK.
- 5. Now, you can use MSI Wireless Network Utility to configure your network.

>>> 4.2 Networking

Since the CB54G2 is installed in your computer, you have to configure the settings for communication to start working in your network environment.

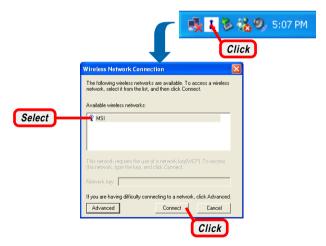
4.2.1 Infrastructure Mode

Infrastructure mode allows your computer to communicate with the other computers in the network through an Access Point. The following tasks should be done before you configure the settings:

- The Access Point must be turned on.
- Your computer with wireless adapter installed and the Access Point must be located with the communication range of the Access Point (see the Access Point's manual for details).

Q Connecting to the Access Point:

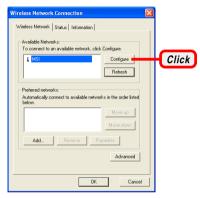
 Click the MSI Wireless LAN icon to bring up the Wireless Network Connection window.



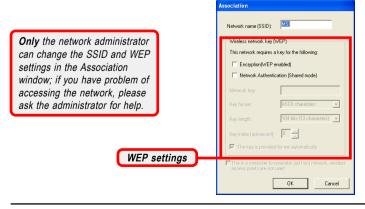
 In the list of Available wireless networks, select (highlight) the network you want, and then click Connect

• If you want to configure the network settings:

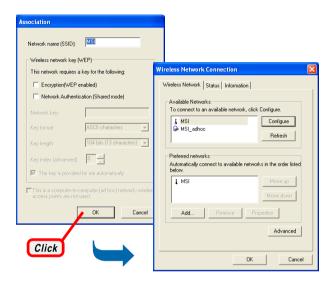
- Click Advanced in the Wireless Network Connection window.
- 2. The Available Networks field contains a list of available Access Points in your network. Select (highlight) one network you want, and then click *Configure* to set up the selected network. You can click *Refresh* to search the available Access Points in the network again.



3. Setup the Network Key (if needed) in the Wireless Network Key (WEP) field according to the network's settings.



4. Click OK. The selected network will appear in the Preferred Networks field. If it contains two or more networks in the list, you can use Move up/Move down to set the priority.



 Click OK to complete the configuration, and an icon indicating connected to the network will appear in the status area.



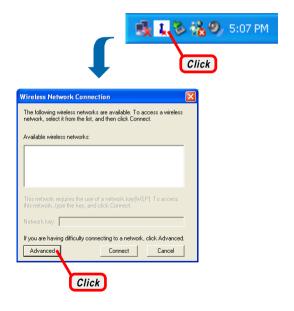
4.2.2 Ad-hoc Mode

Ad-hoc mode allows your computer to communicate directly with any computer installed with compatible wireless adapter. If you want to use the network in Ad-hoc mode:

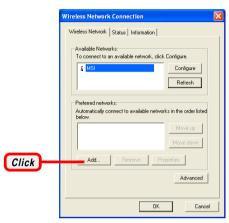
- All the computers connected should be set to Ad-hoc mode.
- The computers have the same SSID (network name) setting.

Q To configure the settings:

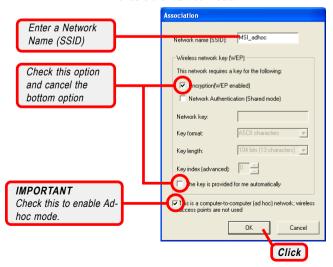
 Click the MSI Wireless LAN icon to bring up the Wireless Network Connection window. Then, click Advanced



 You can build up the Ad-hoc network by clicking Add... in the Preferred Networks field.



3. Set up the Network Name (SSID) and Network Key (if needed) for the network. Then, check the This is a computer-to-computer [ad hoc] network; wireless access points are not used option and click OK to enable the Ad-hoc mode.



4. The computer set up with this Ad-hoc network in step 3 is the designated administrator of the network. Any computer can access the network by selecting Connect in the Wireless Network Connection window.



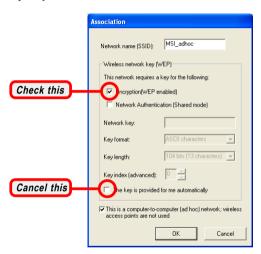
 Click OK to complete the configuration, and an icon indicating connected to the network appears in the status area.



>>> 4.3 Encryption

In the wireless network environment, the administrator can set up password (Network Key) to protect the network from being attacked or unauthorized access. When building the network, you can set up 4 sets of WEP keys, which can be 5 characters (10 hex-adecimal digital) or 13 characters (26 hex-adecimal digital) and specify one of them to use.

To setup the Network Key, check Encryption option first, then cancel The key is provided for me automatically option.



Network key

Enter a key for the network.

Key format

You can decide the network key to be encoded by ASCII characters or hexadecimal digitals.

Key length

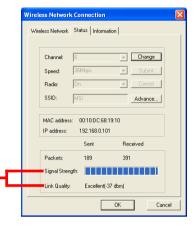
In ASCII characters format, it can be 5 or 13 characters. In hexadecimal digitals format, it would be 10 or 26 digitals.

Key index

There can be up to 4 sets of WEP key $(1\sim4)$. The 4 sets of WEP key must have the identical sequence with the key settings on the Access Point.

>>> 4.4 Status

In the Status tab, you can configure more network settings.



Signal Strength: shows the received signal strength level. Link Quality:

shows the measured signal level and connection status.

Channel

Specifies the operating radio frequency channel in Ad-hoc mode, which should be set to the same channel as the other points in the wireless network.

Speed

This field sets the current transmitting rate. The speed should be set to *Auto* rate to optimize performance and range, which will adjust the transfer speed for best performance and longest range automatically.

Radio

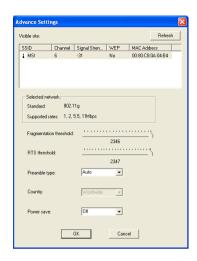
Set to **On** to activate the radio

SSID

Means Service Set Identifier, a unique name shared among all points in a wireless network. It must be identical for all points in the network. Then the card will be able to connect to an access point with the same SSID.

Click **Advance**, and you can get more information about the LAN traffic status and more detailed settings.

It is not recommended to change these settings if you are not familiar with the advanced configuration.



Fragmentation Threshold

You may set the length of the fragment in this field. Please note that each fragment should not be larger than the Fragmentation Threshold.

RTS/CTS Threshold

You may set the length threshold.

Preamble Type

You may set the length of preamble in this field. The available options are:

- Long: It is set to 144 bits.
- Short: It is set to 72 bits.
- Auto: The card supports an auto-detection feature, it will automatically select the **Preamble Type** depending on the Access Point Preamble Type if this option is selected.

Country

Display the country that you are in.

Power save

The card will turn into power save mode when idle.

>>> 4.5 Information

In the **Information** tab, you can get some information about the manufacturer, hardware and software.





Networking Basics

This chapter describes how to prepare for connection to network and some basic outline of networking basics, including sharing files, printing from a computer on the network, or accessing the Internet on multiple computers with one connection.

>>> 5.1 Checking the Network Elements

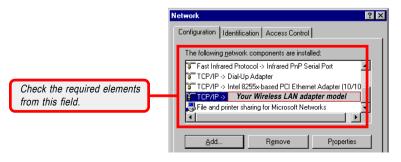
The following elements are required for all computers if you want to connect to a network:

- Client for Microsoft Network
- TCP/IP
- File and printer sharing for Microsoft Networks

To check the required elements are installed in the system, you can:

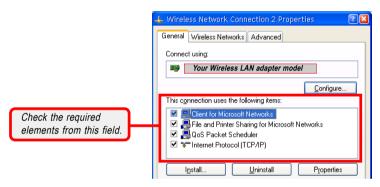
Q Under Windows 98SE/ME

- Click Start and choose Settings; then, click Control Panel to open the Control Panel window.
- Double-click the Network icon.
- The Network window appears to show the current network settings of the system.



■ Under Windows 2000/XP

- Click Start and choose Control Panel to open the Control Panel window.
- Double-click the Network Connection icon to open the Network Connection window.
- Right-click the Wireless Network Connection icon and click Properties from the shortcut menu.
- The Wireless Network Connection Properties window appears to show the current network settings of the system.

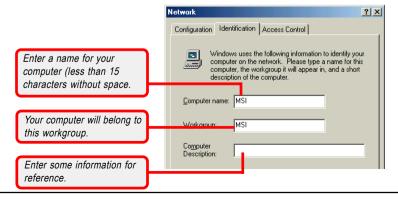


>>> 5.2 Computer Identification

Please verify that each computer has a unique name and common workgroup name, if you had previously given your Windows 98SE/ME/2000/XP computers names.

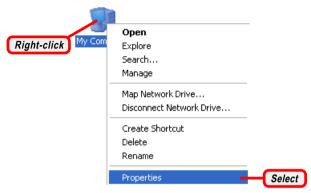
Under Windows 98SE/ME

- Open the Network window as described in previous section, and choose Identification tab.
- 2. Type a name for the computer In the Computer name box. This will be the name of this computer used by other computers on your network to communicate with. Please NOTE that each computer's name must be unique on a particular network to avoid confusion.
- Type the workgroup name that the computer will belong to in the Workgroup box. All the computers on your network should have an identical Workgroup name.
- 4. The Computer Description box is optional. You may enter a description that helps to identify this computer on your network. Then, click OK.
- Repeat the procedure above for each computer on your network to ensure that they all have unique Computer Name and identical Workgroup.

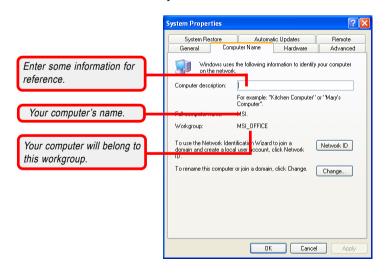


■ Under Windows 2000/XP

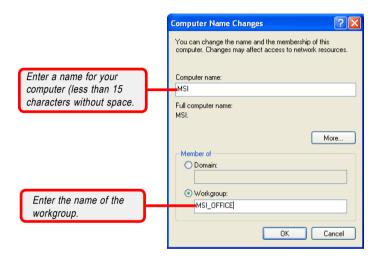
 Right-click My Computer icon on your Windows desktop, and click *Properties* from the shortcut menu.



2. The **System Properties** window appears; choose **Computer Name** tab.



- To rename the computer and join a workgroup/ domain, click *Change*.
- 4. The Computer Name Changes window appears as below. Enter a Computer Name, select Workgroup and enter the name of your workgroup. Please NOTE that each computer's name must be unique on a particular network to avoid confusion.



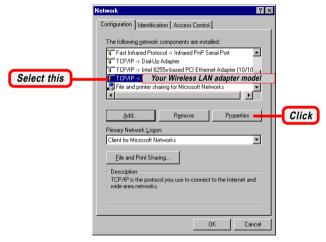
5. Click **OK** to save changes.

>>> 5.3 Configuring a Dynamic/Fixed IP Address

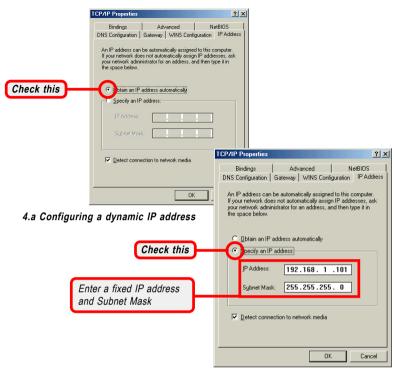
When the drivers are installed, the default setting here is set to obtain IP dynamically through a DHCP server. If you want to change the settings, please follow the steps below:

■ Under Windows 98SE/ME

- 1. Go to Start -> Settings -> Control Panel.
- Double-click the Network icon.
- The Network window appears as below. Select TCP/IP -> (your Wireless LAN adapter model), and click *Properties* to bring up the TCP/IP Properties window.



- 4.a To configure a dynamic IP address, choose IPAddress tab and check the Obtain an IP AddressAutomatically option.
- 4.b To configure a fixed IP address, choose IP Address tab and check the Specify an IP Address option. Then, enter an IP address into the empty field. Suggested IP Address Range is 192.168.1.1 to 192.168.1.253, and suggested Subnet Mask is 255.255.255.0.

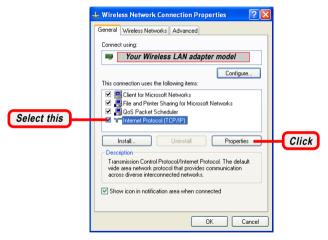


4.b Configuring a fixed IP address

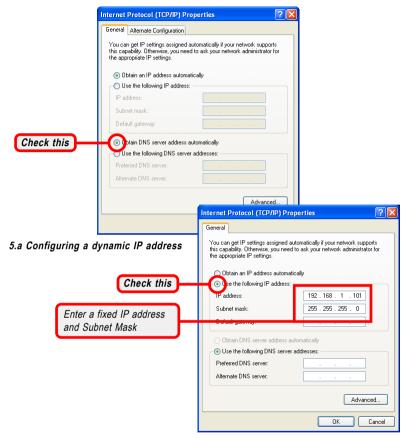
 Click OK. Then, click Yes when prompted to reboot the computer.

■ Under Windows 2000/XP

- Click Start and choose Control Panel to open the Control Panel window.
- Double-click the Network Connection icon to open the Network Connection window.
- Right-click the IEEE802.11g Wireless CardBus Adapter icon and click *Properties* from the shortcut menu
- 4. When the Wireless Network Connection Properties window appears, choose General tab and select Internet Protocol [TCP/IP], and click Properties to bring up the Internet Protocol [TCP/IP] Properties window.



- 5.a To configure a dynamic IP address, check the Obtain an IP Address Automatically option.
- 5.b To configure a fixed IP address, check the Use the following IP address option. Then, enter an IP address into the empty field. Suggested IP Address Range is 192.168.1.1 to 192.168.1.253, and suggested Subnet Mask is 255.255.255.0.



5.b Configuring a fixed IP address

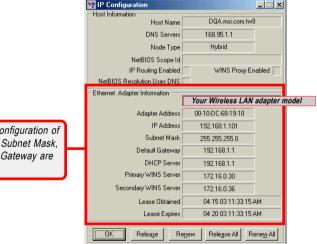
6. Click **OK** to complete the configuration.

>>> 5.4 Checking TCP/IP Address

- Under Windows 98SE/ME
 - Go to Start -> Run...
 - 2. Type winipcfg in the Open box and click **OK**.



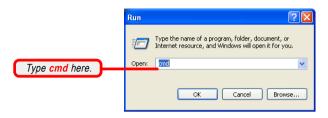
3. The **IP** Configuration screen will appear, click *More Info* to bring up a screen containing detail information of your wireless network adapter.



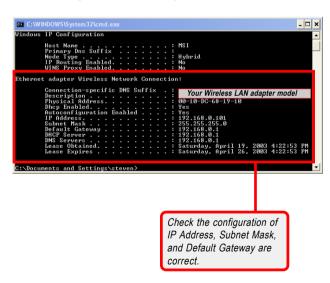
Check the configuration of IP Address. Subnet Mask. and Default Gateway are correct.

■ Under Windows 2000/XP

- 1. Go to Start -> Run....
- 2. Type *cmd* in the Open box and click *OK*.

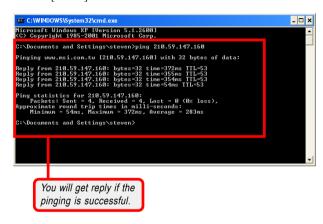


 A DOS prompt window appears. Type ipconfig/all and press [Enter] to display IP information.



>>> 5.5 Checking Connection by Pinging

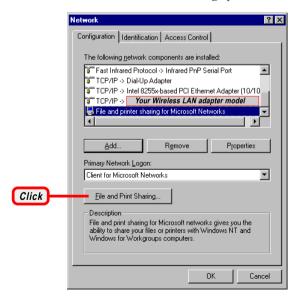
- 1. Go to Start -> Run....
- Type command (Windows 98SE/ME) or cmd (Windows 2000/XP) in the Open box and click OK.
- A DOS prompt window appears. Type ping 210. 59.147.160 (or any URL address), which is the IP address of the Gateway in this case, and press [Enter].



>>> 5.6 Sharing Files

You may now open and save files on other computers once your computers are connected together on a network. You will also be able to specify particular folders or disk drives to share and even password to protect them. Please verify that each computer has a unique name and common workgroup name, if you had previously given your Windows® 98SE/ME/2000/XP computers names. Follow the steps below to share specific files and folders with other computers on your network.

- On your Windows desktop, right-click My Network Place icon and select *Properties* from the shortcut menu
- You will configure your computers network settings in this dialog. It is also available through the Network icon in the Control Panel.
- 3. Click the File and Print Sharing option.



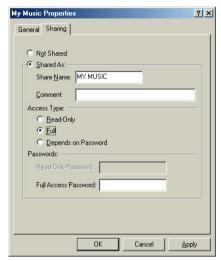
 Select the I want to be able to give others access to my files option, and click OK.



- 5. Click **OK** in the Network dialog box.
- **6.** Provide the Windows Setup CD or direct the path to the proper location of the installation files if prompted. Then, reboot if prompted.
- 7. Now you can identify a particular folder or disk drive to share, which means you can share a folder that both you and your family member/colleague needs to access occasionally. You can also share your CD-ROM drive for others to use if your other computers do not have one. Both of these processes are the same. Only the disk drives and folders that you specifically identify as shared will be accessible to other computers on your network.
- Locate the disk drive or folder you want to share in Windows Explore or My Computer icon on your desktop.
- 9. Right-click the disk drive or folder and select **Sharing**.



10. Select the Share As option to set the parameters for sharing this particular disk drive or folder.



Share Name

This is used to identify the disk drive or folder you are sharing to other computers in the network, which can be helpful as more resources in your network for others.

Comment

This field is optional, which can be used to further describe the disk drive or folder for others in the network.

Access Type

This option allows you to designate how much someone else can do with this shared disk drive or folder. Setting options are:

- Read-Only: only allows others to look at or open the files in the disk drive or folder.
- Full: allows others to read, write, open, save, copy, move, and even delete files.
- Depends on Password: gives other computers access conditional on the password they provide.

Password

This option allows you to apply a level of security to your shared disk drive and folder. Any other computer (user) will be asked to enter the password you set here before accessing the disk drive or folder. Two passwords are used to give two levels of security (or access) to others in the network using the *Depends on Password* setting. Leaving the Password boxes empty will give everyone in the network access to the disk drive or folder.

- 11. Click **OK** to continue. You will be prompted to type the password(s) you provided for verification. Type the password(s) just as you typed them again.
- 12. Now you may access this disk drive or folder from another computer in your network. You may do so by double-clicking the My Network Place icon on your Windows desktop or inside Windows Explorer.
- 13. Navigate to the computer with the shared disk drive or folder (recognized by the Computer Name you provided), and double-click it. If you specified a password when sharing this disk drive or folder, you will be asked for the password.
- 14. You can access a disk drive of folder shared over the network from most Windows 98SE/ME/2000/XP applications. you can map these disk drives and folders to a drive letter on another computer to make this process easier. For example, on a computer where you are accessing a shared folder from another computer, inside Windows Explorer right-click and select the Map Network Drive option. Now you are able to assign an available drive letter. Checking the Reconnect at logon option allows Windows to map this network drive each time when you start your computer.